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due to the peculiarity of the **internal political situation existing at** that time. The Railroad Police Head Office, it is true, was dissolved and a Railroad Police Department was established in the GAI in early 1948. Thus the central agency of the Railroad Police was attached to the GAI, but the various EPAs still remained with the various regional railroad directorates.

4. A closer integration into the GAI occurred in the spring of 1948. **From then** the Railroad Police was given its orders by the GAI. The special Railroad Police school in Luetzow had to be dissolved, and the Railroad Police personnel were forced to attend the GAI police schools. Membership in the FDGB (Free German Labor Union) and participation in mass demonstrations were obligatory. Political indoctrination was intensified, and all recalcitrant elements were immediately discharged. In accordance with the GAI pattern, a K 5 Department was also established in the Railroad Police, thus partially transferring the police activities from a criminal to a political sphere.
5. On 1 January 1949 the Railroad Police was completely detached from the railroad administration and incorporated into the GAI, which had already established its Department B to direct this police. At that time the former chief of the Railroad Police, Loll, was discharged and replaced by Guenther, a militant Communist and chief of the Berlin EPA. The system of political commissars was introduced at the same time, and an SED functionary, functioning as a Polit-Kultur (PK) officer, was attached to the chief of each office or headquarters.
6. A three-year-term of service was introduced for the Railroad Police in late 1948. All those who refused to sign up were discharged. All persons with grades from Polizeimeister upward were obliged to be members of the SED. The GAI improved the armament and equipment by delivering submachine guns and also machine guns, while up to late 1948 only pistols and some carbines had been in use. The GAI also tried to improve the Railroad Police's motorization, which is very primitive even today. The number of the dog-guards was also increased. The surveillance by the IVD and its cooperation with the K 5 Department was intensified.
7. The following table shows the strength of Railroad Police as of 15 August 1949:

<u>EPA</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>
Berlin	1,800
Dresden	2,100
Erfurt	1,100
Magdeburg	1,100
Halle	950
Schwerin	1,300
Greifswald	850
Cottbus	550

To this must be added 4,000 to 5,000 Railroad Police quartered in barracks, although it is not yet known whether these units have already been activated. About 10 percent of the above personnel are assigned to the Railroad Criminal Police.

INDIVIDUAL RAILROAD POLICE UNITS

EPA Berlin.

8. The Berlin EPA was located at 17-20 Krausenstrasse, Berlin W 8, but was to be transferred to Herzbergstrasse, Berlin-Lichtenberg, on 1 November 1949.

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It is not known whether this transfer took place. The Berlin EPA, which covers the area of the Berlin Railroad District, consists of a Headquarters Section, seven Inspectorates of the Railroad Protection Police, seven Commissariats of the Railroad Criminal Police, Berlin-Stammelsburg Export and Import Detachment, Berlin-Roentgenal Dog Training Establishment.

9. Leading personnel in the EPA Berlin are as follows:
 - Kommandeur Paul Bartoeck, chief of EPA, formerly chief of EPA Magdeburg.
 - Oberpolizeirat Franz Mehrlein, chief of the political department, a former member of the Communist Spanish Legion and a student of a Moscow school.
 - Polizeioberrat Glogowski (fnu), chief of Subdepartment P (personnel), formerly chief of the personnel department in Schwerin.
 - Polizeimeister Walter Kluck, assistant to Glogowski.
 - Polizeimeister Simon (fnu), chief of Subdepartment I (administrative section).
 - Polizeimeister Dahme (fnu), chief of the Sonderereinsatzkommando (unit for special missions).
 - Polizeikommissar Swartek (fnu), chief of Section K (Criminal Police), a former member of the K 5 section, Schwerin.
 - Oberkommissar Helmut Pfeil, chief of Section S (Railroad Protection Police), who as of May was attending the Kochstedt/Dessau Higher Police School. Acting in his absence is Oberkommissar Hans Starke as deputy chief.
10. In Section K (Criminal Police) under Polizeikommissar Swartek (fnu) are the following officials:
 - a. Staff.
 - Polizeimeister Werner Koegelin, deputy chief, living at 8 Bergenerstrasse, Berlin N 113.
 - Polizeimeister Heinz Manig, chief of Subsection K 1 (formerly K 5).
 - Polizeimeister Arthur Penski, chief of Subsection C (criminal cases), living at 20 Steffenstrasse, Berlin-Hohenschonhausen.
 - Polizeimeister Horst Harlass, chief of Subsection B (industrial sabotage and political matters), living at 34 Mendelstrasse, Berlin-Pankow.
 - Kommissarin Kaehe Ronge, chief of Subsection E/F (tracing and identification), living at 16 Rixdorferstrasse, Berlin-Johannisthal.
 - b. Commissariats.
 - Polizeimeister Jacobi, chief of Commissariat I, Schlesischer Bahnhof, which was previously assigned to EPA Dresden.

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Polizeimeister Walter Rauhut, chief of Commissariat II, Schoeneweide freight yard; living at 32 Kaiserstrasse, Berlin C 2.

Polizeimeister Rudi Rauch, chief of Commissariat III, Friedrichstrasse railroad station; living in Berlin-Friedrichsfelde.

Polizeimeister Walter Nehmer, chief of Commissariat IV, Potsdam railroad station; living at 82 Dohlengrund, Berlin-Biesdorf-Sued.

Polizeimeister Voigt (fnu), chief of Commissariat V, Stettiner Bahnhof (previously in the Dresden EPA).

VP Hauptmann Kohl, chief of Commissariat VI, Stettiner Bahnhof; from the Berlin Police Headquarters.

The chief of Commissariat VII in Frankfurt/Oder was not known.

11. In Section S (Railroad Protection Police) under Oberkommissar Gerhard Pfeil are the following officials:

a. Staff.

Oberkommissar Hans Starke, deputy chief.

Oberkommissar Georg Schumann, chief of the Special Missions.

Department detached to the Berlin EPA from the GAI, Department E.

b. Inspectorates.

Polizeimeister Karl Gans, chief of Inspectorate I, Schlesischer Bahnhof; previously political commissar of the Berlin EPA.

Oberkommissar Helmuth Schoenian, chief of Inspectorate II, Schoeneweide railroad station.

Kommissar Karl-Heinz Richter, chief of Inspectorate III, Friedrichstrasse railroad station.

Polizeimeister Walter Kluck, chief of Inspectorate IV, Potsdam railroad station.

Hauptwachtmeister Bochinski (fnu), chief of Inspectorate V, Stettiner Bahnhof.

Oberkommissar Alfred Fuorl, chief of Inspectorate VI, Pankow freight yard; previously chief of personnel section of the Berlin EPA.

Polizeimeister Franz Klamann, chief of Inspectorate VII, Frankfurt/Oder.

12. The Motor Transport Section, headed by Polizeimeister Heilenz (fnu), has three motorcycles, two motorcycles with sidecars, three sedans, one command car, one personnel carrier, three emergency squad cars, one 3-ton truck, and one 1-ton truck.

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13. Because of the presence of four occupation powers, two city administrations, two police headquarters etc., the functioning of the Railroad Police in Berlin is subject to conditions different from those prevailing in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
14. The technical operations of the entire Berlin railroad system are under the supervision of the SMA. From this it does not follow that a Railroad Policeman solely employed for guaranteeing safe railroad operations and for investigation of accidents should be able to arrest individuals and subsequently take them to the East Sector of Berlin or to make house searches, but such in fact has happened. Section K in Department E of the GAI holds the view that, with the recognized assignment of the Western Berlin railroad district to the Directorate General of the Soviet Zone Railways, the Railroad Police alone is responsible for all police matters. Punishable actions committed in the Western Berlin railroad area must consequently be dealt with by Eastern Berlin courts.
15. In late November 1949, an increased control of all Berlin-bound passenger trains was decreed by the administration of the German Volkspolizei, which was previously assigned to the GAI. This action which is being carried out by the regular police in cooperation with the Railroad Police and the Railroad Criminal Police pursues the following aims: unobtrusive observation of all travellers in the express trains especially as to their conversation, political utterances etc.; examination of luggage for Western, anti-Communist propaganda material; identification and arrest of deserters from the VP or the uranium mines and of leaders of the Soviet Zone economy or of LDP and CDU parties suspected of fleeing to the West; examination of luggage of Soviet Zone passengers for food bought in Western Berlin; searching for Western Berlin newspapers; identification of wanted persons; checking of identity cards.
16. As of May 1950 about 300 police, about 20 percent of whom were Railroad Police, were employed for these duties. In addition, there were stationed at each railroad station two to four criminal police officers belonging to the Political Police of the Ministry of Interior. The following is a list of railroad stations either occupied by police details or earmarked for such occupation:

Bernau:	Thirty police for trains from Eberswalde, Pasowalk, Anklam, Greifswald, Stralsund
Oranienburg:	Thirty police for trains from Neustrelitz, Neubrandenburg, Stralsund
Velten:	Twenty police for trains from Neuruppin, Pritzwalk, Guestrów
Nauen:	Thirty police for trains from Wittenberge, Schwerin, Rostock
Wustermark:	Thirty police for trains from Rathenow, Stendal, Oebisfelde
Potsdam:	Forty police for trains from Brandenburg, Magdeburg, Helmstedt
Drewitz:	Twenty police for trains from Dessau and the Harz Mountains
Sieddin:	Thirty police for trains from Jueterbog, Halle, Erfurt and Brambach

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Grossbeeren: Thirty police for trains from Justerbog, Halle, Erfurt, Leipzig

Mahlow: Thirty police for trains from Chemnitz, Zwickau, Aue

Koenigswusterhausen: Twenty police for trains from Cottbus, Goerlitz.

17. The EA Berlin, Section K, organized special train controls for all express trains leaving Berlin. These patrols, which have been functioning since 15 January 1950, have the same missions as the police checking incoming trains. In case of identification or arrest, interrogations are often done on the spot and arrested persons handed over to the competent criminal section office for transfer to Eastern Berlin. Three such special train patrols were organized after the members had undergone special training. The organization of more train patrols is intended. Each patrol comprises a leader, three male and one female criminal police officials. The latter simultaneously serves as a clerk. The chiefs of the present patrols 1 through 3 are Polizeimeister Gerhard Engler, Polizeimeister Hans Nass, and Polizeimeister Fritz Holland respectively.

EPA Dresden.

18. The Dresden EPA is located in the Dresden-Neustadt railroad station building and covers the Dresden railroad district. Its authorized strength is 2,100 police, 10 percent of whom are Railroad Criminal Police. The Dresden EPA comprises a headquarters section, six Inspectorates of the Railroad Protection Police, six Commissariats of the Railroad Criminal Police, and the special Inspectorate Aue.
19. Leading officials of the EPA Dresden are as follows:
- Polizeikommandeur Pariser, chief of the EPA.
 - An unidentified police officer, chief of the political department.
 - Polizeirat Walter Ehler, chief of Section S.
 - Oberkommissar Karl Nassau, chief of Section K.
 - Polizeirat Georg Mählert, chief of Subsection P.
 - Oberkommissar Fritz Lehmann, chief of Subsection I.
 - Polizeimeister Ernst Schumacher, chief of Subsection K 1, which was previously K 5.
20. Subsection K 1 has a chief and five other officials. Each Commissariat has two police officials attached to it taking care of K 1 duties.
21. The following Inspectorates are subordinate to the Section S:
- a. Inspectorate I and, attached, Criminal Commissariat I, in Dresden-Neustadt. Assigned stations:
 - Dresden-Neustadt precinct station without criminal police post.
 - Dresden-Itzehoe precinct station without criminal police post.
 - Pirna precinct station with criminal police post.
 - Meissen precinct station with criminal police post.
 - Grossenhain precinct station with criminal police post.

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- b. Inspectorate II and, attached, Criminal Commissariat II, in Bautzen.
Assigned stations:
Goerlitz precinct station with criminal police post.
Loebau precinct station with criminal police post.
Zittau precinct station with criminal police post.
Bischofswerda precinct station with criminal police post.
Kamenz precinct station without criminal police post.
- c. Inspectorate III and, attached, Criminal Commissariat III, in Riesa.
Assigned stations:
Mittweida precinct station with criminal police post.
Oschatz precinct station without criminal police post.
Doebeln precinct station without criminal police post.
Nossen precinct station without criminal police post.
- d. Inspectorate IV with attached Criminal Commissariat IV, in Chemnitz.
Assigned stations:
Freiberg precinct station with criminal police post.
Glauchau precinct station with criminal police post.
Grimma precinct station without criminal police post.
- e. Inspectorate V and, attached, Criminal Commissariat V, in Zwickau.
Assigned stations:
Plauen precinct station with criminal police post.
Verdeau precinct station with criminal police post.
Reichenbach precinct station with criminal police post.
Oelsnitz precinct station without criminal police post.
- f. Aue Inspectorate and, attached, Criminal Commissariat VI.
Assigned stations:
Johann-Georgenstadt precinct station without criminal police post.
Schwarzenberg precinct station without criminal police post.
A special section of Inspectorate VI (Aue) was organized about a year ago, because the employment of railroad police proved necessary because of constant incidents in the mining district. Other missions of this section were the searching for, and arrest of, deserters from the mines.
22. The EPA Dresden is equipped with an undetermined number of carbines (model 98K), submachine guns (models 42 and 44), pistols (model 08), and 7.65-mm pistols. The EPA has available four passenger cars, three trucks, five solo motorcycles, three motorcycles with sidecars, and two armored motor rail cars with a place for the installation of machine guns.

EPA Cottbus.

23. The EPA Cottbus covers the Cottbus railroad district. The authorized strength is about 500 police, about 10 percent of whom are Railroad Criminal Police. The Cottbus EPA comprises a Headquarters Section, two Inspectorates with four police precincts each, and two Commissariats of the Railroad Criminal Police.
24. Leading personnel of the EPA Cottbus are as follows:
- Oberpolizeirat Erich Haupt, chief of the EPA.
- Polizeirat Fritz Tischmann, chief of the political department.
- Oberkommissar Ernst Rother, head clerk.
- Oberkommissar Muellerick, chief of Section S.

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Polizeimeister Koenig, chief of Section K.

Polizeirat Paul Manusch, chief of Subsection P.

Kommissar Kurt Albrecht, chief of Subsection I.

Oberwachtmeister Herbert Wolf, in charge of motor vehicles.

Polizeimeister Koenig and Polizeimeister Rudi Ritter, in Subsection K 1.

24. Inspectorates of the EPA Cottbus are as follows:

a. Inspectorate I and, attached, Criminal Police Commissariat I in Cottbus.

Assigned stations:

Luebbenau precinct station with criminal police post.

Forst precinct station with criminal police post.

Guben precinct station with criminal police post.

Weisswasser precinct station with criminal police post.

b. Inspectorate II and, attached, Criminal Police Commissariat II in Senftenberg.

Assigned stations:

Deberlug precinct station with criminal police post.

Horka precinct station with criminal police post.

Elsterwerda precinct station with criminal police post.

Hoyerswerda precinct station with criminal police post.

25. The EPA Cottbus is equipped with an undetermined number of carbines (model 28K), submachine guns and pistols (model 08) and has four passenger cars, two motorcycles, three motorcycles with sidecars, and 16 police dogs.

EPA Erfurt.

26. No details available on the EPA Erfurt.

EPA Halle.

27. The EPA Halle is located at 2 Thielonstrasse, Halle, in the building of the Railroad Directorate. The EPA covers the Halle railroad district and includes parts of Saxony and Thuringia. Its authorized strength in September 1949 was 950 police, 10 percent of whom were Criminal Police, but its strength was to be increased to 1,500 police by 1 January 1950. The EPA Halle comprises five Inspectorates with Criminal Commissariats attached.

28. Officials of the EPA Halle are as follows:

Oberpolizeirat Kotulla, chief of the EPA.

Polizeirat Fritz Hermann, chief of the political department.

Oberkommissar Hanke, chief of Section S.

Oberkommissar Walther, chief of Section K.

Polizeimeister Werner, chief of Subsection K 1. He has under him six officials. Two officials are assigned to each Criminal Commissariat.

29. Inspectorates in the EPA Halle are as follows:

a. Inspectorate I and, attached, Criminal Commissariat I in Halle.

Assigned stations:

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Merseburg precinct station with criminal police post.
 Gross-Korbetha precinct station with criminal police post.
 Oberreoplingen precinct station with criminal police post.
 Querfurt precinct station without criminal police post.
 Halle freight yard precinct station without criminal police post.

- b. Inspectorate II and, attached, Criminal Commissariat II in Dessau.

Assigned stations:

Ritterfeld precinct station with criminal police post.
 Wittenberg precinct station with criminal police post.
 Meinsdorf precinct station without criminal police post.
 Delitzsch precinct station without criminal police post.

- c. Inspectorate III and, attached, Criminal Commissariat III.

Assigned stations:

Falkenberg precinct station with criminal police post.
 Eilenburg precinct station with criminal police post.

- d. Inspectorate IV and, attached, Criminal Commissariat IV.

Assigned stations:

Leipzig main railroad station precinct station with criminal police post.
 Leipzig-Wahren precinct station without criminal police post.
 Leipzig-Flagwitz precinct station with criminal police post.
 Rad Duerenberg precinct station without criminal police post.
 Leipzig-Engelsdorf precinct station with criminal police post.
 Leipzig-Bayrischer Bahnhof precinct station without criminal police post.
 Thurnen precinct station without criminal police post.

- e. Inspectorate V and, attached, Criminal Commissariat V in Altenburg.

Assigned stations:

Altenburg freight yard precinct station without criminal police post.
 Meuselwitz precinct station without criminal police post.
 Gaschwitz precinct station with criminal police post.
 Pegau precinct station without criminal police post.
 Pirna precinct station with criminal police post.
 Zeithain precinct station without criminal police post.

30. The EPA Halle is equipped with an undetermined number of carbines (model 98K), submachine guns (model hh), pistols (model 08) and 7.65-mm pistols. Because of the wide area of the EPA, a rather large number of motor vehicles are assigned. The EPA has five trucks, seven passenger cars, five motorcycles, and three motorcycles with sidecars. The EPA had its own dog training establishment with 12 dogs. Twenty-one dogs were distributed to the various police offices.
31. Auxiliary police personnel drafted by the Landes police authorities from the people's enterprises, the SED, FDJ and the FDGB, are constantly employed because the number of Railroad Police available is inadequate. These auxiliary police numbered 320 in September 1949.

EPA Greifswald.

32. No details available on the EPA Greifswald.

EPA Magdeburg.

33. The EPA Magdeburg is located on Am Park, Magdeburg, in the building of the Railroad Directorate and covers the Magdeburg railroad district. EPA Magdeburg has an authorized strength of about 1,600 police, about 10 percent of whom are Criminal Police. The Land police authorities will detach policemen for a 3 to 6-month-term of service with the Railroad Police.

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The Magdeburg EPA comprises four Inspectorates with Criminal Commissariats attached.

34. EPA officials as of late November 1949 were as follows:

Oberpolizeirat Gerhard Pfeil, chief of EPA.

Kommissar Ohlert, chief of the political department.

Oberpolizeirat Hans Ederling, chief of Section S.

Oberkommissar Wolf Jabert, chief of Section K.

Polizeirat Maerklein, chief of Subsection P.
35. Each Commissariat (Inspectorate) has its own official in charge of political matters. A K 1 agency is attached to the EPA office.
36. Under EPA Magdeburg are the following inspectorates:
 - a. Inspectorate I and, attached, Criminal Commissariat I in Magdeburg.
Assigned stations:
Magdeburg-Buckau precinct station with criminal police post.
Magdeburg-Elbe River railroad station precinct station with criminal police post.
Genthin precinct station with criminal police post.
Burg near Magdeburg precinct station without criminal police post.
Marienborn precinct station with criminal police post.
Eilsleben precinct station without criminal police post.
 - b. Inspectorate II and, attached, Criminal Commissariat II in Aschersleben.
Assigned stations:
Schoenebeck/Elbe precinct station with criminal police post.
Guesten precinct station with criminal police post.
Koethen precinct station with criminal police post.
Stassfurt precinct station without criminal police post.
Bernburg precinct station without criminal police post.
 - c. Inspectorate III and, attached, Criminal Commissariat III in Halberstadt.
Assigned stations:
Oschersleben precinct station with criminal police post.
Quedlinburg precinct station with criminal police post.
Wernigerode precinct station without criminal police post.
Blankenburg precinct station without criminal police post.
 - d. Inspectorate IV and, attached, Criminal Commissariat IV in Stendal.
Assigned stations:
Salzwedel precinct station with criminal police post.
Oebisfelde precinct station with criminal police post.
Gardelogen precinct station without criminal police post.
Haldensleben precinct station without criminal police post.
37. Subordinate to the EPA Magdeburg is a special detachment of the DERUTHA (German/Russian Transport Company). This special export and import control detachment at the Magdeburg-Elbe railroad station, numbers 200 police.
38. The EPA Magdeburg has an undetermined number of pistols (model 08), of 7.65-mm pistols, carbines (model 98) and some submachine guns and assault rifles (model 44). It is equipped with three motorcycles, one motorcycle with sidocar, two passenger cars, three emergency squad cars, and one six-seater motor rail car. Twenty-one police dogs are employed.

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EPA Schwerin.

39. The Schwerin EPA covers the Schwerin railroad district. Authorized strength as of 30 November 1949 was about 1,300 police, about 10 percent of whom were Criminal Police. The Schwerin EPA comprises three Inspectorates with Criminal Commissariats attached.
40. EPA officials as of early November 1949 were as follows:
- Oberpolizeirat Breitkreuz, chief of EPA.
- Polizeirat Fritz Hermann, chief of the political department.
- Oberkommissar Heinz Dahlen, chief of Section S.
- Kommissar Georg Swalsler, chief of Section K.
- Oberkommissar Helmut Glogner, chief of Subsection P.
- Kommissar Lohmolt, chief of Subsection I.
- Polizeimeister Nachlin, chief of K I Subsection.
41. The K I Subsection has a chief and three unidentified officials. Each Criminal Commissariat has a special official in charge of K I matters.
42. Inspectorates under EPA Schwerin are as follows:
- a. Inspectorate I and, attached, Criminal Commissariat I in Schwerin.
- Assigned stations:
- Wismar precinct station with criminal police post.
- Bad Kleinen precinct station without criminal police post.
- Herrnburg precinct station without criminal police post.
- b. Inspectorate II and, attached, Criminal Commissariat II in Rostock.
- Assigned stations:
- Warnemuende precinct station with criminal police post.
- Guestrow precinct station with criminal police post.
- Bad Dohran precinct station without criminal police post.
- Teterow precinct station without criminal police post.
- Karow precinct station without criminal police post.
- c. Inspectorate III and, attached, Criminal Commissariat III in Ludwigslust.
- Assigned stations:
- Hagenow precinct station with criminal police post.
- Prizenburg precinct station without criminal police post.
- Wittenberge precinct station with criminal police post.
- Parchim precinct station with criminal police post.
- Perleberg precinct station without criminal police post.
- Doernitz precinct station without criminal police post.
43. The EPA Schwerin has an undetermined number of pistols (model 08), carbines (model 98K), submachine guns and assault rifles. Also available are three trucks, three passenger cars, four motorcycles, and two armored rail cars with devices for the installation of machine guns. Furthermore, the EPA has 20 police dogs, two of which are still being trained.

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44. The zonal Railroad Police school is in Luetzow near Schwerin and is supervised by the former E Department in the GAI, now Administration of the German Volkspolizei. In administrative matters the school is assigned to the Schwerin EPA. After a pause of several months, 8-week courses have been given there since August 1949. Each of these courses is attended by about 250 police. No further details are available.

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